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## Inside a Kid-Friendly Modern Farmhouse with a Secret Wine Cellar

Floral wall decals, football-focused decor, and a wine cellar basement make this Vancouver home functional for the whole family.

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Some considerations to make when designing a home for a young family: durable materials. Storage space. Personal touches. And, most importantly, versatility. When [Peter Rose Architecture](#) and [Stephanie Brown Inc.](#) took on this new Vancouver build, top of mind was how the clients—a young family—would grow and change in the years to come. The modern farmhouse vision needed to be both functional and dynamic for the kids. But that doesn't mean the grown-ups were neglected (keep reading for the basement lounge and wine cellar).

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The front entry is the first introduction to the colour palette—black and white, with warm cognac details. A slender console table and stools from Serena and Lily vingette provide storage space for those out-and-about essentials.

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In the kitchen, a graphic backsplash in Panda white marble makes a striking statement. It's paired with plain white countertops from Caesarstone.

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There's three different kinds of cabinets (white, black and wood) in this space, but thanks to careful design, they blend in seamlessly. "I think the reason that it works is that there is repetition," says Brown. The black cabinets work with the backsplash, the white with the countertops, and the wood with the leather bar stools from West Elm. "Even though there are three different cabinet finishes, the palette is the same," says the designer.

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The living area directly opposite the kitchen sports the same black painted shiplap used to craft the stove hood. Built-in shelves provide plenty of room for family photos, and incorporate a pair of windows to let in extra sunshine.

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The dining area brings the drama: black panelling is dotted with massive gold decorative bowls from Once a Tree. "We didn't just want a piece of art, we wanted something more fun that felt sculptural—these are a cool installation," says the designer.



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Functional built-in storage will help the space evolve as the family grows. "The room is meant to transition as needed into an office or study," says Brown.



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It's sports central in the son's room. "Dad and son are hardcore football fans, so we played on that theme," says the designer. Like the flower wall decals, the wrought iron football sculpture and framed prints are personal touches that can be modified later in life.

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And finally, the basement. A glass-panelled wine wall shows off the couple's collection, and a big TV is ready to share game night friends and family.

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